

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method of generating a user interface for a device, the method comprising the steps of:
 - (a) generating a plurality of sets of user interface elements, each of the plurality of sets of user interface elements comprising one or more user interface elements, wherein ~~the~~ ~~or~~ each user interface element is associated with a defined region of the user interface;
 - (b) ordering each of the plurality of sets of user interface elements into an sequence within an archive file;
 - (c) querying each of the plurality of sets of user interface elements to select a plurality of user interface elements for use in the user interface, the plurality of sets being queried in accordance with the ordering performed in step (b), wherein if more than one user interface element is associated with the same region of the user interface then ~~the~~ a selected user interface element is taken from ~~the~~ a set of elements which occurs first within the sequence determined in step (b); and
 - (d) rendering the user interface in accordance with the plurality of user interface elements selected in step (c).
2. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein a first user interface element selected in step (c) and rendered in step (d) ~~can be~~ are removed from the rendered user interface by
 - i) inserting a further user interface element into a set of user interface elements such that in step (b) the set of user interface elements that comprises the further user interface element is ordered before the set of user interface elements that comprises the first user interface element;
 - ii) wherein the further user interface element is associated with the same user interface region as the first user interface element.
3. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein a first user interface element selected in step (c) and rendered in step (d) ~~can be~~ are removed from the rendered user interface by
 - i) inserting a further set of user interface elements into the ordered sequence determined in step (b) such that the further set of user interface elements is ordered before the set of user

interface elements that comprises the first user interface element;

ii) the further set of user interface elements comprising a further user interface element which is associated with the same user interface region as the first user interface element.

4. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein one or more user interface elements are added to the UI, the method further comprising the step of inserting one or more user interface elements into one or more of the plurality of sets of user interface elements.

5. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein one or more user interface elements are added to the UI, the method further comprising the step of generating one or more further sets of user interface elements, the or each further set comprising one or more user interface elements.

6. (Original) A method according to any preceding claim, wherein one or more of the plurality of sets of user interface elements are associated with an application that can be activated through the user interface.

7. (Original) A method according to any preceding claim, wherein one or more of the plurality of sets of user interface elements are associated with the manufacturer of the device.

8. (Original) A method according to any preceding claim, wherein one or more of the plurality of sets of user interface elements are associated with a user of the device.

9. (Currently amended) A device comprising a display means and a user interface being displayed by the display means, the device being configured, in use, to:

(a) generate a plurality of sets of user interface elements, each of the plurality of sets of user interface elements comprising one or more user interface elements, wherein ~~the or~~ each user interface element is associated with a defined region of the user interface;

(b) order each of the plurality of sets of user interface elements into an sequence within an archive file;

(c) query each of the plurality of sets of user interface elements to select a plurality of user interface elements for use in the user interface, the plurality of sets being queried in accordance with the ordering performed in step (b), wherein if more than one user interface

element is associated with the same region of the user interface then ~~the~~ a selected user interface element is taken from ~~the~~ a set of elements which occurs first within the sequence determined in step (b); and

(d) render the user interface in accordance with the plurality of user interface elements selected in step (c).

10. (Original) A device according to claim 9 wherein, in use, a first user interface element selected in step (c) and rendered in step (d) is removed from the rendered user interface, the device being further configured to:

i) insert a further user interface element into a set of user interface elements such that in step (b) the set of user interface elements that comprises the further user interface element is ordered before the set of user interface elements that comprises the first user interface element;

ii) wherein the further user interface element is associated with the same user interface region as the first user interface element.

11. (Original) A device according to claim 9 wherein, in use, a first user interface element selected in step (c) and rendered in step (d) is removed from the rendered user interface, the device being further configured to:

i) insert a further set of user interface elements into the ordered sequence determined in step (b) such that the further set of user interface elements is ordered before the set of user interface elements that comprises the first user interface element;

ii) the further set of user interface elements comprising a further user interface element which is associated with the same user interface region as the first user interface element.

12. (Original) A device according to claim 9, wherein one or more user interface elements are added to the UI, the device being further configured, in use, to insert one or more user interface elements into one or more of the plurality of sets of user interface elements.

13. (Original) A device according to claim 9, wherein one or more user interface elements are added to the UI, the device being further configured, in use, to generate one or more further sets of user interface elements, the or each further set comprising one or more user interface elements.

14. (Original) A device according to any of claims 9 to 13, wherein one or more of the plurality of sets of user interface elements are associated with an application that can be activated through the user interface.

15. (Original) A device according to any of claims 9 to 14, wherein one or more of the plurality of sets of user interface elements are associated with the manufacturer of the device.

16. (Original) A device according to any of claims 9 to 15, wherein one or more of the plurality of sets of user interface elements are associated with a user of the device.

17. (Original) A device according to any of claims 9 to 16, wherein the device further comprises one or more wireless communication interfaces for communication with a wireless communications network, and one or more of the plurality of sets of user interface elements are associated with an operator of a wireless communications network.

18. (Original) A data carrier comprising computer executable code. for performing the method of any of claims 1 to 8.

19. (New) A computer-readable medium comprising instructions, which, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to perform operations, the instructions comprising:

(a) instructions for generating a plurality of sets of user interface elements, each of the plurality of sets of user interface elements comprising one or more user interface elements, wherein each user interface element is associated with a defined region of the user interface;

(b) instructions for ordering each of the plurality of sets of user interface elements into an sequence within an archive file;

(c) instructions for querying each of the plurality of sets of user interface elements to select a plurality of user interface elements for use in the user interface, the plurality of sets being queried in accordance with the ordering performed in step (b), wherein if more than one user interface element is associated with the same region of the user interface then a selected user interface element is taken from a set of elements which occurs first within the sequence determined in step (b); and

(d) instructions for rendering the user interface in accordance with the plurality of user interface elements selected in step (c).

20. (New) A device comprising:

(a) means for generating a plurality of sets of user interface elements, each of the plurality of sets of user interface elements comprising one or more user interface elements, wherein each user interface element is associated with a defined region of the user interface;

(b) means for ordering each of the plurality of sets of user interface elements into an sequence within an archive file;

(c) means for querying each of the plurality of sets of user interface elements to select a plurality of user interface elements for use in the user interface, the plurality of sets being queried in accordance with the ordering performed in step (b), wherein if more than one user interface element is associated with the same region of the user interface then a selected user interface element is taken from a set of elements which occurs first within the sequence determined in step (b); and

(d) means for rendering the user interface in accordance with the plurality of user interface elements selected in step (c).